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## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

## COVERING MADE OF FORM-RETAINING PARTS, IN PARTICULAR FOR A FLOOR, COVERING PARTS FOR USE THEREIN AND METHOD FOR CONNECTING THE COVERING PARTS

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following space is checked:

was filed on July 28, 2004 as International Application Serial Number PCT/NL2004/00541, now U.S. Application Serial Number 10/557,289 filed on February 3, 2006, and as amended by Preliminary Amendment filed on February 3, 2006.

I bereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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## Prior Foreign Application(s):

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